

LAKE TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026



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7:00PM Meeting called to order by Mary Pitcher. **Pledge of Allegiance** recited by all.

Present: Treasurer Maryanne Goodman, Trustee Kyle Orr, Supervisor Mary Pitcher, Trustee Joel Quine and Clerk Penny Georgevich.

Motion by Orr to approve agenda, supported by Goodman; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Quine **to approve Board Meeting Minutes from March 5, 2026** as presented, supported by Orr; Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Goodman **to approve Budget Adoption Minutes from March 5, 2026** as presented, supported by Quine; Ayes: All. Motion carried. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer Report - General Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Goodman to approve the General Fund financial report for the month/year, March 2026 as read; supported by Georgevich. Roll Call - Ayes: Orr, Quine, Georgevich, Goodman, Pitcher. Motion carried.

Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. Motion by Goodman to approve Lake Townships Fire Fund financial report for the month/year of March 2026 as read; supported by Georgevich; Roll Call - Ayes: Quine, Goodman, Orr, Pitcher, Georgevich. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Gen Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve from the General Fund \$39,844.24 for the payments of township accounts; supported by Goodman; Roll Call – Ayes: Goodman, Pitcher, Orr, Georgevich, Quine; Motion carried.

Fire Fund – Motion by Georgevich to approve the amount of \$4,161.59 from the Fire Fund for the payment of Fire bills; supported by Orr; Roll Call – Ayes: Georgevich, Pitcher, Quine, Goodman, Orr; Motion carried.

Public comment: K. Simon, on proposal on the zoning ordinance amendment on definitions and Article III on setbacks – shared his appreciation for the work involved; support for ordinance to include dockages as well as docks in the 10ft setbacks.

Guests: none

Committees:

- a) Park Committee: benches and tables finished last year look good. Sand is under control.
- b) Planning Commission: Next meeting April 16.
- c) Website Committee: New outline shared with board.

Staff:

- a) Assessor:
- b) Code Enforcement Officer & Maintenance: Written report submitted and highlighted. STR renewals coming in; current count is about 80 STRs.

- c) Supervisor's report: report submitted and highlighted. Township hall roof to be assessed.
- d) Zoning Administrator report: Written report submitted.

Fire Report: Written report submitted and highlighted.

County Updates:

- Commissioner Jeannot, District 2 – written report submitted.
- Commissioner Trigg, District 3 – spoke about the Tri-County Material Management and all the work they are doing to regionalize and make our waste management better. Next local meeting is Wednesday, April 8th.

New Business:

- A. Road brining – Motion by Quine to approve the first brine estimate for the 2.89 miles, including Trails End, with the condition a positive explanation on Trails End is provided; supported by Goodman; Roll call – Ayes: Georgevich, Orr, Goodman Quine, Pitcher. Motion carried.
- B. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article II, definitions and Article III, Section 3.11 – Motion by Orr to accept the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Article II, definitions and Article III, Section 3.11, as presented; supported by Georgevich; Roll call – Ayes: Pitcher, Orr, Quine, Georgevich; Nays: Goodman; Motion carried.
- C. Garlic Mustard Dumpster hosting – Motion by Goodman to contract to have Garlic Mustard Dumpster at the township for 2 months, correct times to be determined; supported by Orr; Roll call – Ayes: Orr, Georgevich, Quine, Pitcher, Goodman; Motion carried.
- D. Township refrigerator – Motion by Goodman to approve up to \$1,200 for the clerk to go forward to get a new refrigerator/freezer here and installed and dispose of the old one; supported by Pitcher; Roll call – Ayes: Orr, Quine, Pitcher, Goodman, Georgevich; Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Benzie Shores Library Board – Motion by Pitcher to amend motion of March 5, and motion to appoint Jandy Sprouse to represent Lake Township on the Benzie Shores Library Board for a term beginning immediately and ending March 31, 2028; supported by Goodman; Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed. Letter from A. Grobe read regarding phone calls received from other residents.

Announcements and General Board Discussion – Goodman and Quine attending upcoming MTA training; Orr attending at Grow Benzie, April 23, Chamber event with focus on economic development; Goodman beginning newsletter preparation; introduction of Jen Wilkins as Deputy Clerk;

Public Comment: D. Blank – clarified questions/confusion at Public Hearing; D. Haga – support for board; M. Janeczko – First clean up date is June 13; Fire Barn garage door was sticking and company came out and greased the rails, may look at updating or replacing.

8:26PM **Motion to adjourn** meeting by Orr; supported by Georgevich; Ayes: All; Motion carried.

Penny Georgevich, Clerk

Public in Attendance: 11